

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

7-301.

(a) The court costs in a traffic case, including parking and impounding cases in which costs are imposed, are [\$15.00] ~~\$25~~ \$20. Such costs shall also be applicable to those cases in which the defendant elects to waive his right to trial and pay the fine or penalty deposit established by the Chief Judge of the District Court by administrative regulation. In an uncontested parking or impounding case in which the fines are paid directly to a political subdivision or municipality, costs are \$2.00, which costs shall be paid to and retained by the political subdivision or municipality. In an uncontested case in which the fine is paid directly to an agency of State government authorized by law to regulate parking of motor vehicles, the costs are \$2.00. The fine and the costs shall be paid to the agency, which shall receive and account for these funds as in all other cases involving sums due the State through a State agency.

(b) (1) The court costs in a criminal case in which costs are imposed are [\$15.00] ~~\$25~~ \$20.

(2) The costs shall be in addition to any costs imposed in a criminal case under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act.

(c) (1) The filing fees and costs in a civil case are those prescribed by law subject to modification by law, rule, or administrative regulation.

(2) The Court of Appeals may provide by rule for waiver of prepayment of filing fees and other costs in cases of indigency.

(d) When a person pays court costs or a fine with a check in any motor vehicle, criminal, or civil case in the District Court, and the check is returned to the court by the financial institution on which it is drawn because of insufficient funds in the account, or because the account has been closed or never existed, then the court may impose additional costs of \$10 against the party issuing the check. These costs shall be in addition to any other penalty now prescribed by law.

(e) The Comptroller shall establish a Law Enforcement and Correctional Training Fund, as provided in Article 41, § 4-1301 of the Code, and the Comptroller shall pay into the Fund [one third] ~~ONE-FIFTH~~ ONE-FOURTH of all court costs collected by the District Court under subsections (a) and (b)(1) of this section.

~~(F) AFTER FUNDS HAVE BEEN PAID AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ANNUALLY PAY \$1.25 MILLION OF THE COURT COSTS COLLECTED BY THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION INTO THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 26A, § 17A OF THE CODE.~~

(F) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ANNUALLY PAY FROM THE COURT COSTS COLLECTED BY THE DISTRICT COURT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) AND (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION:

(1) \$500,000 INTO THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 26A, § 17A OF THE CODE; AND